

**Virginia Department of Health**  
**Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report**  
**June 4, 2007**

**WORLDWIDE UPDATE**

- The number of confirmed human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) reported by the World Health Organization increased by 18, including 15 deaths, in May. Total now is 310 Human cases with 188 deaths. One new case was reported from China and 17 cases and 15 deaths were reported from Indonesia. Fifteen Indonesian cases were added because WHO accepted laboratory results from the Indonesia laboratory from cases dating from January through May. Two additional cases had exposure to dead poultry prior to illness. No exposure of significance has been identified in the new case from China.

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office**

- Deputy Commissioner for EP&R gave a presentation on PanFlu for the annual Safety Day event organized by Workers' Compensation Services of the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management. The focus was on state planning for a possible pandemic of influenza, including discussion of community containment measures and the importance of Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP). The presentation generated extensive discussion from the participants.
- VDH has taken receipt of the state antiviral stockpile and has contracted with a Private Sector Partner for storage and distribution. Coordination is underway with the VA Board of Pharmacy and VA Pharmacy Association and its stakeholders for dispensing this stockpile.
- State Emergency Planning Coordinator provided PanFlu Planning presentations to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Crisis Management Team and to a conference of Virginia College and University Fiscal Officers.
- State Emergency Planning Coordinator will meet with DOD Healthcare reps (TRICARE) to discuss antiviral dispensing for military members (active duty, dependents and retired).
- The next PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Central on N. Boulevard from 9am until 1pm.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to attached VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

## VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report

### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports**

- **Eastern Region**
  - Epidemiologist presented “Human Effects of Avian Influenza” to the annual conference of Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials.
  - Medical Consultant participated in the Eastern Virginia Medical School PanFlu Planning Meeting.
  - Trainer is working with Chesapeake Health Department on the PanFlu Seminar on Business Continuity Planning, which will take place on June 27.
- **Northern Region**
  - Regional team participated in the Alexandria Town Hall meeting, which was open to public; the topic was PanFlu preparedness.
  - Planner met with several large employers to provide PanFlu educational materials.
  - Industrial Hygienist provided education and training to Fairfax MRC on proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) relative to PanFlu.
  - Planner met with small focus group of clergy to investigate mechanisms to engage faith-based community in planning process.
- **Northwest Region**
  - Mary Washington University (UMW) is interested partnering with Mary Washington Hospital to be a pre-designated location for PanFlu and mass casualty triage, diverting patients from the hospital’s Emergency Room during a pandemic or mass casualty situation. Preliminary discussions have been held with the University’s Safety Officer and with the hospital’s points of contact. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 12; Regional and Rappahannock District Planners are coordinating.
  - Community-Based Response Seminar: Preparing for All Abilities was held in Winchester to increase understanding of requirements and expectations between first responders and citizens with special needs, including emergency preparation activities related to PanFlu.
  - Annual Hospital Emergency Management Forum, sponsored by the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) was held in Charlottesville. Presentations included all-hazards preparation and response by hospitals and other partners. Agenda included incident command and surge capacity, along with other issues.
- **Southwest Region**
  - Planner conducted Advanced Incident Management Systems (IMS) Training and Incident Command Systems (ICS) Refresher Training for 71 staff members of the Lenowisco Health District. This training would be used during an outbreak of PanFlu, as well as other all-hazards events that could potentially occur in the District.
  - Planner conducted a training session on PanFlu outbreak and other Chemical Biological, Radiological and Explosive potentials in the Near SW Region for the class of senior Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) from the Giles County Technical Training Center.
  - Trainer and Epidemiologist coordinated and participated in an SAS statistical class and Epidemiology Information class that would be used during a PanFlu outbreak.
  - Trainer developed and field-tested an orientation program that was used for the volunteers at the MOM Project utilizing the ICS model, structures and principles.

- This same educational process would be used to orient volunteers and the general public in the event of a PanFlu outbreak.
- Trainer assisted the Eastern Regional Trainer with on-site logistics for CBERS Seminars in Norfolk and Newport News.
  - Trainer finalized the NRP-800 self-study course and received subject matter expert reviews. This plan could be used as a basis for response to a PanFlu outbreak.
  - Trainer assisted in the development of the NIMS/ICS Training plan for VDH for 2007. This command structure would be integral to a PanFlu outbreak response.
  - Epidemiologist and Planner reviewed the draft Isolation & Quarantine plan drafted and presented by the Mt. Rogers Planner. This plan would be implemented if an outbreak of PanFlu occurred.
  - Epidemiologist reviewed the monthly flu data for the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts, as well as for hospital and physicians' offices.
  - PIO participated in the MOM Project providing media statements and strengthening media relationships that will be useful during a PanFlu outbreak.
  - PIO attended the Sullivan Co. (Tennessee) Health Department drill in Gray, TN, where he networked with cross-border EMS, media and Emergency Personnel, which could be called into use for the education and information transfer to the public of SW Va. and NE Tennessee.

#### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports**

- **Alexandria**
  - City of Alexandria conducted a Mayor's Pandemic Town Hall meeting, speakers at which included the Mayor and leaders from the Alexandria Health Department, City Emergency Management, the Alexandria City Public Schools, Inova Alexandria Hospital and the Alexandria Police Department.
  - Tested during the Town Meeting a PowerPoint presentation that could be presented by virtually anyone to their own organizations. Eight people signed up to do use the presentation at their respective organizations.
  - Solicited feedback and questions from Town Hall Meeting attendees. Over 45 minutes devoted to answering their questions and concerns. Other submitted questions on provided cards, and all of them will receive a personal call or e-mail.
  - Received 17 constructive comments about what community members want and need to know, with suggestions for areas that need development.
  - Contractors finished approximately 2/3 of the work on Fatality Management plan and Medical Surge plan.
  - Contractor beginning work on communications plan, especially focusing on the challenge for a Health Department that has no PIO.
- **Arlington**
  - Surveys of the Private Medical Doctors offices have been sent via blast fax. Data is expected to be put into the survey instrument over the next couple of months. Follow-up calls to physicians' offices will also take place – this is ongoing
  - The Planner continues to work on a comprehensive review of the local public health response plans identifying gaps based on the VDH and HHS guidance for pandemic influenza and the Public Health Ready criteria. Focus is on developing and implementing documents that will enhance operability – such as workflow diagrams, standard operating procedures, templates, and checklists.
  - Arlington County continues to work on planning for the management of mass fatalities through monthly meetings. Version 5 of the Mass Fatality plan is now

- available. Attachments to the annex are under development. After the failure to interest local trucking groups in a Refrigerated Truck RFP a meeting of those organizations with Arlington County Public Health is to be held to discuss scope of commitment, and to foster partnership. This work is being done in partnership with law enforcement, EMS, Virginia Hospital Center, and local funeral directors. The Planner is also participating in the Northern Virginia regional efforts to identify solutions to the issue and develop a regional concept of operations.
- MRC Orientations for new MRC Volunteers are being conducted every two months
  - The Planner met with DOD public health and medical partners in the regularly scheduled monthly meeting that focuses on the development of an integrated public health and medical response plan. Attendance included representatives from Fort Myer, the Pentagon, the JTF-GNO and the Arlington Office of Emergency Management. The Public Health Director and Public Health Emergency Planner participated in Pandemic Influenza presentations at Fort Myer. This is the precursor to a more comprehensive Pandemic Influenza exercise in July, 2007.
  - The Planner, along with a Georgetown Graduate Intern are developing a triage and screening clinic model for use during pandemic influenza. Planning work continues on identifying and working other issues related to community surge.
- **Outreach to citizens**
- Brochure development - focuses on personal preparedness and managing illness
    - a. Hired a brochure designer known to OEM for previous work on companion OEM brochure
    - b. Final draft is being reviewed
    - c. contacted appropriate translation resource
    - d. Virginia Hospital Center and Medical Society agreed to support
    - e. Plan to deliver to all Arlington households with Citizen in August/September
  - Planning for live Cable TV broadcast event in September – “What Arlington County is Doing to Prepare for Pandemic Influenza”
    - a. Panel discussion/presentations – Public Health Director, Public Health Emergency Planner, OEM, Fire/EMS, maybe someone from the hospital
    - b. Live audience – Civic Federation will support
    - c. Questions and answer from live audience and call-ins
    - d. Rebroadcast in Spanish
    - e. Make tape to replay an additional community gatherings e.g. PTAs, Civic Association meetings
    - f. Publicize in Citizen, other community venues
  - With the support of the MRC educational materials will be provided to residents at upcoming community events
- **Outreach to businesses**
- Met with key leaders at Chamber of Commerce, Business Partnerships
  - Began outreach to larger corporations to establish better connections for PanFlu planning – SRA, NRECA, SAIC, Pearson, Boeing
  - A focus group session was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group responded to a planning checklist specific for businesses.
  - Plan to tape a 5 minute segment on PanFlu preparedness for Biz Launch website. In this segment, the Health Director will respond to interview questions from a Biz Launch staff member. Biz Launch is an initiative of the

Arlington Economic Development office and is aimed at small businesses. The 5 minute segment may be also part of some cable TV programming.

- Am also looking at ways to involve MRC in further outreach to small businesses possibly in collaboration with the Partnerships.

□ **Students**

- Tested and revised outreach materials
- Made outreach efforts to large businesses – attempted to identify key contacts in 20 large businesses
- Identified and obtained outreach materials
- Inventoried public health flu preparedness outreach materials

• **Central Virginia**

- District Planner followed up on the April meeting with the community health council (in the Smith Mountain Lake Area), providing handouts and preparedness check list for their awareness program, which will be provided to the membership of several area churches.
- District Planner worked with the emergency planner for a local special needs day care center in their efforts to provide the parents and families of their client's information on PanFlu preparedness.
- District Planner met with the Emergency Managers of a local jurisdiction and VDEM to start the process for a fall exercise on PanFlu utilizing Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).
- The District PIO continues to meet with the local jurisdictional PIOs for community awareness campaign.
- Epidemiologist attended the VA Healthcare Emergency Management State Forum which included discussions regarding legal and regulatory issues surrounding operations of healthcare entities during periods of scarce resources and systems overload.
- Epidemiologist continues to revise and improve the "Pandemic Influenza Brochure for Physicians" along with local infectious disease doctors. Distribution to local physicians will occur in the near future.

• **Central Shenandoah**

- Director attended an in-service meeting at Carillion-Stonewall Jackson Hospital that offered CERT re-familiarization training to hospital staff.
- Director gave a PanFlu update to the Augusta County/Staunton & Waynesboro Cities Health Forum.
- Epidemiologist met with Bath Community Hospital and area doctors to explain the VDH communicable disease reporting requirements.
- Planner met with the Rockbridge County Area LEPC PanFlu Committee to continue discussing the development of the county's PanFlu plan, activities and techniques that could be used to educate the public in advance of the potential emergency.
- Planner submitted a draft MOU to the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Department of Social Services to suggest how their employees may be used to staff district dispensing sites.
- Planner met with two of three District Red Cross Chapters to discuss management and staffing issues in regard to Special Needs Shelters and Community Surge.
- Planner and Epidemiologist met at the Augusta Medical Center with Hospital Administrators and Officials representing Augusta County, Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro to discuss how to move forward with PanFlu planning and the development of off-site field triage and community surge locations.

- Planner presented information to the Rockbridge County Fire Association that would allow the Push Method MOUs to be used so that the County's local fire departments could be utilized to dispense medications to the public.
- Planner attended the Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Forum.
- Epidemiologist assisted Rockingham Memorial Hospital with planning for their internal PanFlu exercise in June.
- **Chesapeake**
  - Discussed District's PanFlu activities at the quarterly District staff meeting and presented video "Why Don't We Do it in Our Sleeves."
  - Installed marquee-type sign at entrance of Chesapeake Health Department with the following PanFlu message: "Wash Hands, Cover Your Cough, and Stay Home Sick." See attached photo.
  - In preparation for the PanFlu Business Continuity Seminar, an invitation letter was sent to all Chesapeake businesses under the signature of the Economic Development Department. Planner and Regional Training Coordinator met with CEO of Jo-Kell, Inc., to refine presentations; the seminar flyer was finalized (attached), and Hampton Roads and Chesapeake Chambers of Commerce provided marketing assistance.
  - Held monthly Chesapeake PanFlu Task Force meeting. Topics discussed included a common clinic concept, distribution of Hygiene Stations, updates on the upcoming Business Continuity Seminar and a PanFlu infection protocol.
  - Planner met with the Executive Director of Chesapeake Care Free Clinic to explore the common clinic concept during a pandemic, using the Free Clinic as a possible operational venue.
  - A new part-time PanFlu Administrative Assistant, an MPH graduate student at Eastern Virginia Medical School, joined District staff.
  - Provided 250 PanFlu educational brochures to Southeast Virginia Training Center for their monthly in-service employee and staff training.
  - Eighteen "Hygiene Stations" consisting of informational brochures, hand sanitizer, tissues and face masks were distributed to City departments and facilities.
- **Chesterfield**
  - Educator and Support Specialist provided information on PanFlu and participated in a senior resource fair.
  - Educator, Planner, Epidemiologist, Support Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator provided information on PanFlu and participated in a two-day health fair for Chesterfield County employees.
  - Educator provided PanFlu information and participated in an emergency preparedness fair at a local Defense Supply Center.
  - Educator made a PanFlu presentation to a senior citizens' group.
- **Chickahominy**
  - Pandemic Flu Coordinator presented to Ashland AARP with 60 in attendance.
  - PanFlu Coordinator presented seminar to Hanover Health Care Center (long term care) leadership team. PanFlu planning process began.
  - Pandemic Flu education offered to town of Ashland; Administrator coordinating times for town employees.
  - PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu seminar to Hanover Adult Day Center patients and staff with approximately 43 in attendance.
  - PanFlu Coordinator gave presentation to Senior Warden and Nurse Administrator and Assistant Administrator at Goochland Women's Prison. Emergency Planner and PanFlu Coordinator began PanFlu planning with leadership team.

- PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu presentation to Memorial Regional Medical Center Bon Secours Hospital's Nursing Leadership team of nurse manager; 34 in attendance. Planning implications discussed.
- Randolph Macon College and PanFlu Coordinator discussing education seminar for college faculty.
- PanFlu Coordinator attended Senior Day Health Fair held at Kings Dominion. PanFlu information and DVDs given out; approximately 300-400 in attendance.
- PanFlu presentation given to staff of Tap Family Home long term care center and planning information given to administrator.
- PanFlu presentation given to Lion's Club in Hanover County.
- Presentation given to staff and administrators of Hanover Manor and Alfa House long term care centers.
- PanFlu Coordinator gave presentation to Brice's Villa long term care center and PanFlu planning discussion began. Collaboration with their VOPA liaison began for PanFlu planning for their facility.
- PanFlu Coordinator participated in final Hanover County School PanFlu Planning meeting.
- PanFlu presentation given at Cool Spring Baptist Church in Mechanicsville in Hanover County.
- PanFlu presentation given for care givers at Heritage Green assisted living facility in Hanover County.
- **Crater**
  - Educator attended the Petersburg PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting. All plans are due June 1<sup>st</sup> to the district committee. The Committee conducted a work session on to combine plans to get a physical draft that can be turned into the regional committee.
  - Planner and educator attended the Petersburg PanFlu Advisory Committee work session. The workgroup focused on establishing a plan that would address the specific needs of the city. A decision was made to seek additional templates from other locations that are specific to local government planning then reconvene. One source that was discussed was this Homeland Security PanFlu document - [http://www.ready.gov/business/\\_downloads/pandemic\\_influenza.pdf](http://www.ready.gov/business/_downloads/pandemic_influenza.pdf).
  - Director and Planner held an alternate care site meeting with City Managers/County Administrators, representatives from local hospitals and Fort Lee to discuss planning for alternate care sites within the district.
  - Planner gave an additional detailed presentation to the Fort Lee Pandemic Flu team per the request of the Preventative Medicine Officer.
  - Educator is creating a database to be used to send mailings for business and churches in the district. The information is being finalized so that it can be approved by the Planner and Director.
  - Planner continues to work with Fort Lee and SVTC to locate storage areas for possibly establishing a district cache of PPE that will be a community resource for the localities within the district. This concept was generated from the District PanFlu Committee.
- **Cumberland Plateau**
  - Coordinator attended Wise County Chamber of Commerce Meeting for a Lenowisco PanFlu Presentation.
  - Pandemic Influenza Coordinator met with Lenowisco PanFlu Coordinator, Emergency Response Planner and Epidemiologist to discuss best practices and the possibility of planning joint activities.

- Planner presented Emergency Response Planner revisions to the Executive Management Team and Coordinator for review.
- Coordinator went to Tazewell County Health Department and Buchanan County Health Department with Epidemiologist to offer services.
- Coordinator went to Buchanan County Health Department with Emergency Response Planner to offer services.
- Coordinator attended women's health fair at Clinch Valley Clinic with Women's Program Coordinator.
- Coordinator and Planner participated in a Mock Disaster Drill in Scott County, VA.
- Coordinator and Planner attended the Russell County Disaster Recovery Task Force Meeting.
- Coordinator completed Medical Reserve Corps Worker Orientation at the Russell County Library.
- Coordinator met with Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator to discuss joint programs.
- District Epidemiologists, Emergency Planners and Pandemic Influenza Planners in Cumberland Plateau and Lenowisco reviewed and finalized a survey instrument to determine staff access to communications and ability to telecommute during a public health emergency, including an influenza pandemic.
- In an ongoing and iterative in-person dedicated review and coordination initiative designed to improve both the plan itself while maximizing key staff contribution and knowledge of the Emergency Response Planner. Planner again presented Emergency Response Planner revisions to the Director and Executive Management Team and Coordinator for review and further updating and revision.
- In coordination and at request of Director, District Epidemiologists, Emergency Planners and Pandemic Influenza Planners in Cumberland Plateau and Lenowisco reviewed and finalized a survey instrument to determine staff access to communications and ability to telecommute during a public health emergency, including an influenza pandemic.
- **Eastern Shore**
  - Educator participated in a Health Fair for employees of the Wallops Flight Facility at NASA in Wallops Island, VA. There were over 300 participants who received information on Disaster Preparedness, PanFlu, Proper Hand-washing, CERT and MRC.
  - Educator participated in a roundtable discussion with the Safe Kids Coalition and the Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H program. The purpose of this meeting was to make plans regarding the annual Stand for Children's Day event held at the local community college. The District's health education department will man a table, presenting information to parents and children regarding proper hand-washing, PanFlu preparedness in schools, disaster preparedness and basic PanFlu facts. About 400 people are expected to attend this event.
  - Educator participated in Older Americans Day, attended by approximately 350 senior citizens, by presenting and distributing information on PanFlu, Proper Hand-washing Techniques, Disaster Preparedness for Seniors and how to assemble a Disaster Supply Kit.
  - Educator participated in a roundtable discussion with the Interagency Outreach Council of the Eastern Shore. This group is preparing to implement a Teen Health Fair and Focus Group Discussion at a local high school, where it is anticipated that 300 students and parents will attend. Educator used this opportunity to discuss what



- role she could play in this event (presenting information regarding PanFlu, Disaster Preparedness and proper hand-washing).
  - Educator, Planner and Nursing Supervisors attended the CBERS Training for Special Needs Populations. At this event, the District distributed over 100 Disaster Preparedness and PanFlu Information Packets.
- **Fairfax**
  - Small Business Seminars began in the Hunter Mill District and followed in the Dranesville and Lee districts. Each seminar has been co-sponsored with the Chambers of Commerce and the district's Board of Supervisors member. The focus the seminars has been pandemic influenza education and continuity of operations (COOP) planning.
  - Health Department partnered with the Interfaith Liaison Office to sponsor a Faith-Based Summit to educate faith-based groups and house of worship about pandemic influenza preparedness. There were approximately 120 attendees at the summit.
  - The pandemic program physician consultant participated on a panel "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness" sponsored by the DC Bar Association.
  - The N-95 Community Personal Protection Equipment Campaign for community physicians has begun. Physician groups are registering for the N-95 Fit Testing Coordinator Training. Twelve sessions are planned for June and July 2007.
- **Hampton**
  - Three meetings of Schools Pandemic Flu Working Group, and School Safety Committee. Continue developing plan for students to be able to use internet and local TV station to broadcast some classes.
  - Planner continues to meet with Langley AFB, 1st Medical Group to discuss flu planning and implementation of the existing MOU for assistance as needed in providing care for patients and distribution of antivirals and vaccine when they become available.
  - Planner continues monthly meetings with following City of Hampton representatives to discuss Pandemic Flu preparation:
    - Public Works
    - Police
    - Fire/EMS
    - City Attorney
    - Risk Management
    - Sheriff's Office
  - Director and planner met with a Mental Health Working Group to discuss problems that could be encountered with this special needs group.
  - Planner and Pandemic Flu Planner have made initial contact with several large employers to discuss planning and COOP operations during an outbreak.
  - Continue working with Sherriff's Office for Pandemic Flu Planning and operations at jail.
- **Henrico**
  - Epidemiologist, Planner, and PanFlu/MRC Coordinator continued their outreach visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities to discuss outbreak prevention and management, emergency preparedness and PanFlu.
  - PanFlu/MRC and Planner continued planning for local PanFlu summit to take place on August 3, 2007.
  - Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.

- District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update, to local healthcare facilities and providers, schools, first responders, county officials and other interested parties.
- PanFlu/MRC Coordinator and Planner conducted MRC volunteer training on the Strategic National Stockpile.
- Planner participated in the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) Emergency Management Conference where hospital surge, community surge and PanFlu preparedness were the major topics of discussion.
- PanFlu/MRC Coordinator participated in the two-day Baptist Disaster Relief Organization's Disaster Preparedness exposition.
- PanFlu/MRC Coordinator conducted PanFlu personal and family preparedness training for Wal-Mart employees at their store in Short Pump.
- **Lenowisco**
  - Pandemic Flu coordinator met with and discussed surge capabilities of regional Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) with far SW Virginia MRC coordinator.
  - Presentation was made to Wise County Board of Supervisors, broadcast numerous times in May on the Wise County government access cable television channel.
  - Planner and Pandemic Flu Coordinator met with the Scott County Chamber of Commerce and the Jonesville Woman's Club and provided a Power Point Presentation.
  - Epidemiologist, Planner and Pandemic Flu Coordinator met with the Norton Lions Club and provided a Power Point Presentation.
  - Planner, Epidemiologist and Pandemic Flu Coordinator met with all staff during quarterly training. The District Emergency Operations Plan, Incident Command Systems and Avian Flu were discussed. Regional Planner attended and provided specific training on ICS and its use in mass vaccinations clinics in the event of a pandemic flu and also provided scenarios for staff participation.
  - Pandemic Flu Coordinator revised PanFlu brochure to include CDC mask guidance.
  - Planner, Epidemiologist and Pandemic Flu Coordinator participated in a functional exercise in Scott County. This exercise allowed valuable networking opportunities, EOC operational experience and familiarity with exercise development for future pandemic flu drill development.
  - Planner, Epidemiologist and Pandemic Flu Coordinator participated in the Tennessee Homeland Security District 1 Full-Scale Exercise. This exercise provided information and networking opportunities for pandemic flu preparations.
- **Lord Fairfax**
  - Planner continued planning for a tabletop PanFlu exercise for Warren County Government.
  - Planner provided the Northern Shenandoah Valley Emergency Preparedness Team with an monthly update on PanFlu planning
  - Planner met with Page Memorial Hospital to review their pandemic planning.
  - Planner attended Avian Flu presentation by Governors School Students at the Woodstock Town Office.
- **Loudoun**
  - MRC Coordinator attended the MRC National Conference sessions on PanFlu planning with 500 other attendees.
  - Interviewed by the business reporter from the Loudoun Times-Mirror about the PanFlu presentation sponsored by the Loudoun Small Business Development Center back in April.

- Provided PanFlu presentation for 250 attendees at the River Creek Homeowners Association town hall meeting in Leesburg.
- Consulted with a representative of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office concerning making a videotape of a PanFlu presentation for frequent roll call training for Sheriff's deputies.
- Corresponded with numerous Loudoun County businesses and civic organizations to offer PanFlu presentations.
- Contacted the manager of Heritage Hall nursing home in Leesburg and the Fire Chief from the Leesburg fire station.
- Discussed PanFlu planning with 15 members of the Sterling Rotary Club.
- Confirmed a PanFlu presentation for an in-service corrections officer class at the Northern VA Criminal Justice Training Academy in Ashburn on June 15, and three presentations for recruit police officer classes at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on June 18-20.
- Scheduled 12 PanFlu presentations for first responders in Loudoun County Fire and Rescue stations (Leesburg, Sterling, Aldie, Middleburg, Lovettsville and Lucketts) over the next 6 weeks.
- Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for employees of Lufthansa German Airlines at Dulles Airport for June 26.
- Provided a PanFlu presentation for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of George Mason University in Sterling, VA.
- Provided PanFlu presentations for a class of 31 Loudoun County EMTs and seven Fire/Rescue personnel in Lovettsville, VA.
- Consulted with United Airlines' Director of Operations and Emergency Manager at Dulles Airport regarding scheduling of a PanFlu presentation for other management staff.
- Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for each of the Senior Centers in Loudoun County (Cascades, Leesburg, Purcellville and Arcola) next month.
- Gave several PanFlu presentations to Neersville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company 16 volunteers.
- Provided several PanFlu presentations for 26 members of the Lucketts and Lovettsville Fire and Rescue squads.
- Provided an overview of recent Loudoun County PanFlu activities for 45 members of the Loudoun Crime Commission at their luncheon meeting in Leesburg, VA.
- Completed the Final Task Force PanFlu Planning Report to be presented to the Executive Emergency Management Committee on June 26.
- **Mount Rogers**
  - Planner and Health Director met with Administrative staff of Southwestern State Mental Hospital to discuss utilizing some of the extra space on the campus as a possible Isolation / Quarantine facility.
  - Planner performed NIMS training for School Board employees in Bland County. Pandemic influenza included as part of the training.
- **New River**
  - District Planner continues interaction with partner agencies/local government, school systems, and colleges/universities as they move forward with pandemic preparedness planning. District Planner has tentative meetings scheduled with local school districts over the summer.
  - District Director, District Epidemiologist, District Planner and District Staff continue collaboration with Regional Team for consistency in pandemic preparedness.

- District Epidemiologist, District Planner, and Infection Control Nurse revisiting mass dispensing protocol with local correction facilities.
- District Planner met with Social Services representatives to schedule tentative date to meet with regional/local social services representatives. This will be an opportunity to discuss updates on pandemic flu/all hazards preparedness and the challenges with sheltering special needs population.
- District Planner has tentative meeting scheduled with local Red Cross chapters' executive directors and an area red cross representative to discuss special needs in sheltering.
- District Director spoke to Southwest VA Medical Society Executive Committee about status of preparedness planning regarding area hospitals and public health care professionals.
- District Planner initiating collaboration with Radford University officials and local hospitals for possible solutions to surge capacity. This same discussion has also been initiated with VA Tech and Virginia Osteopathic Medical School officials.
- **Norfolk**
  - NDPH staff promoted PanFlu preparedness and distributed educational PanFlu Preparedness DVDs at a booth setup during a local Community Based Emergency Response Seminar. The priority population targeted at the event was special needs populations.
  - District Epidemiologist discussed Pandemic Influenza and preparedness practices on two separate occasions with Hampton and Norfolk State University nursing students.
  - Emergency Planner is scheduling meetings with local area nursing homes and assisted living communities to discuss general emergency plans and to distribute PanFlu preparedness DVDs.
  - Health Director and Planner reviewed "Pandemic Influenza Plan Guidelines for Virginia Public Schools," and are preparing to discuss contents of document with the local educational community.
- **Peninsula**
  - Planner continues to provide daily PanFlu updates from CIDRAP to key players at each acute care facility, the military clinics and the emergency managers.
  - OSHA Guidelines on PanFlu (for healthcare workers) were provided to all acute care, assisted living and nursing facilities.
  - Identified one MRC M.D. volunteer who will provide community-based lectures on PanFlu. Training is scheduled for June 9.
- **Piedmont**
  - Pandemic Influenza Health Educator contacted all local licensed daycare centers and offered presentations. Presentations will be directed to faith and community based groups next.
  - Pandemic Influenza Health Educator delivered eight presentations on hand washing and other infection control measures to local Daycare agencies. A total of 157 children participated. Also scheduled return trips to the Daycare agencies for the Fall.
  - Pandemic Influenza Health Educator is developing a database/spreadsheet of various educational resources. Also developing a hardcopy library of resources.
  - Pandemic Response Appendix of District Emergency Operations Plan was updated with current information from CDC regarding guidelines for large-scale vaccination clinics and provisional recommendations for the tiered use of Influenza Vaccine in the event of a vaccine shortage.

- District Planner met with local hospital to discuss the formation of an ESF #8 planning committee.
- Director, Nurse Manager, and Epidemiologist attended VHHA conference.
- Updated Memorandum of Agreement with local Dept. of Corrections facility regarding dispensing operations.
- **Pittsylvania Danville**
  - Educator continues to call businesses, community clubs and churches to offer PanFlu planning programs.
  - Educator has designed specific PanFlu programs to meet each organization's needs.
  - Educator continues to research the latest developments concerning the avian influenza activity in the world and the latest developments in planning for PanFlu.
  - Educator participated in a Women's Health Fair at Wal-Mart. Gave out PanFlu pamphlets to over 100 women.
  - Educator has partnered with the Cardiovascular Health Project to present with other participants on June 9 to the Hispanic population at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A Spanish interpreter will be used, and materials produced in Spanish will be distributed.
  - Educator has the following programs scheduled: Two programs for the Danville Redevelopment and Housing employees (June 7); Piney Forest Health Care Center (June 12); and, Ballou Recreation Community Center (June 20).
- **Portsmouth**
  - Continued work on draft PanFlu plan outline.
  - Health Director, Nurse Manager and Epidemiologist discussed PanFlu preparedness with the Director of Behavioral Health Services for Portsmouth. Internal planning as well as support planning was encouraged.
- **Prince William**
  - Continuing to review respiratory plan for PWHC to determine mask fitting needs and PPE training.
  - Currently updating the District's Emergency Operations Plan to create new annexes for the PanFlu, Mass Fatality and Isolation and Quarantine plans. Also creating appendices for Background, Seasonal vs. Avian Influenzas, Phases of PanFlu
  - Discussing legal issues for PanFlu planning.
  - Provided PanFlu information to long-term Care facilities (nursing homes and assisted living facilities) at the District's Long-Term Care Facilities Summit.
  - Epidemiologist, Director, Emergency and Special Needs Planners attended the Prince William County PanFlu Task Force.
  - Planner attended MRC Training for PPE to review for District employee training.
  - Director and Planner met with Prince William County personnel to discuss emergency contracts for mass fatality planning during a PanFlu outbreak.
  - Director and Planner met to discuss Mass Fatality Plan for a PanFlu outbreak.
- **Rappahannock**
  - Epidemiologist and Planner attended Coalition on Emergency Preparedness and Vulnerable Populations meeting in which the topics included PanFlu preparedness.
  - Planner led discussion on area-wide pandemic flu plan development progress, and the Educator briefs Regional EMS Council meeting attendees on PanFlu awareness community assessment in development.
  - Educator presented on public health disasters initiatives, focusing on PanFlu planning to a meeting of the Rappahannock Area Health Advisory Council.

- Planner discussed PanFlu vs. weather emergency preparedness at the Rappahannock VOAD meeting.
- Epidemiologist, MRC Analyst and Rabies/WNV Coordinator staffed a table at a Mary Washington Hospital health fair. Approximately 1,200 people were able to access VDH emergency preparedness materials.
- Epidemiologist and Planner meet with other District staff to discuss PanFlu brochures.
- District and Regional Planners participated in assessment of University of Mary Washington as a shelter site, including medical surge use.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and Educator met for final preparation on PanFlu community assessment pilot test.
- Planner participated in Germanna Community College Safety Committee meeting. PanFlu preparedness planning discussed along with managing active shooter scenarios, weather emergencies, etc.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
  - The planner and RRMRC Volunteer Coordinator gave a presentation to the Regional Hospital Auxiliary Association meeting at Fauquier Hospital.
  - The RRMRC Volunteer Coordinator handed out pandemic flu information at a Hispanic Festival, Culpeper Day and the Orange Chamber of Commerce Business Appreciation Meeting.
  - The Health Educator requested a copy of a mock PanFlu news conference and a mock PanFlu news report from the state of Nebraska Department of Health. Both items demonstrate the correct and incorrect ways to report on a PanFlu situation. The videos give guidance on dealing with the media.
  - The planner sent highlights from OSHA's document "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Guidance for Healthcare Workers and Healthcare Employees" to members of the local Pandemic Preparedness Coordinating Committee.
  - The planner attended the State Hospital Forum and met with representatives from both local hospitals to discuss surge planning.
  - The Pandemic Flu intern created a script to begin calling area businesses regarding Pandemic Flu presentations.
- **Richmond City**
  - Pandemic Flu Awareness Class given for Nurses at Community Hospital.
  - Planning for October Flu Immunization exercise began.
  - Coordination started with Cities Readiness Initiative vaccination planning and integration with Pandemic Flu Planning.
  - Education and planning sessions with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice.
  - Research into Historical Aspects of the 1918 Flu Epidemic in Richmond and creation of a historical presentation.
  - Coordination meeting with Department of Emergency Management.
  - Creation of communication lines to ensure prompt initiation of social distancing methods arranged through the DEM and Mayor's office.
  - Contact made with Richmond Ambulance Authority Education Office to coordinate pandemic flu planning.
  - Reworking of Richmond City Pandemic Flu Plan started.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
  - Health Educator contacted area private schools to determine their pandemic flu planning needs

- Health Educator met with North Cross School (PreK-12) in Roanoke to discuss pandemic flu and all hazards planning.
- Health Educator met with Roanoke Catholic School to discuss pandemic flu and all hazards planning.
- Health Educator met with The Community School in Roanoke to discuss pandemic flu and all hazards planning.
- Health Educator distributed new CDC guidelines on masks and respirators to all school, college and Emergency Manager contacts.
- Health Educator shared a mock PanFlu news conference and mock PanFlu news story, created by the State of Nebraska, with the Southwest VA PIO.
- Health Educator will facilitate a planning meeting between Roanoke College and the city of Salem Deputy Emergency Services Coordinator
- Health Educator emailed a link to the pandemicflu.gov website blog to all contacts (college, school, jurisdiction and emergency planners)
- Health Educator sent the NIH article on human antibodies protecting mice against H5N1 to the SW regional and Alleghany health district epidemiologists and district emergency planners <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/may2007/niaid-28.htm>
- The SW Regional Epidemiologist reviewed the monthly flu data for the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts.
- The SW Regional Epidemiologist reviewed the monthly flu data for hospital and physicians offices as presented and submitted.
- Health Educator represented VDH at the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event with a display table on pandemic flu and all hazards planning. Nearly 300 local businesspeople attended the event.
- **Southside**
  - **Educator scheduled:**
    - Presentations for Dept of Social Services to child care providers on July 9, 2007 and on August 6, 2007.
    - A 4-H camp presentation for July 16, 2007.
    - A MRC volunteer and herself to conduct a PanFlu and infection control presentation to the children, youth and adult Sunday school class in June.
    - Presentation for Buckhorn Elementary School on June 1, 2007.
    - PanFlu presentation for South Hill Elementary School on June 7, 2007.
    - Attended a NIMS training for MRC volunteers on June 21, 2007 for preparation in the event of any community health crisis.
    - Contacted DSS for Brunswick, Mecklenburg and Halifax counties to schedule PanFlu and infection control presentations for the child care providers.
    - Contacted Concord Baptist Association and the Dan River Baptist Association in order to get on their schedules for a meeting with their boards to be able to conduct PanFlu and infection control presentations to the churches within both associations.
    - Educator and 2 MRC volunteers attended Stabilization & Treatment In Place (STIP) (mobile hospital) training in preparedness for local or region surge in community health crisis.
  - **Planner**
    - Planner attended Stabilization & Treatment In Place (STIP)(mobile hospital) training in preparedness for local or region hospital surge during any community health crisis
    - Conducted 2 NIMS training classes for MRC volunteers.
    - Conducted a NIMS informational session for Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative Board of Directors to explain NIMS and encourage training within the company.

- Discussed the idea of conducting PH survey via Meck Coop bills this summer; to analyze acceptability and trust of health information sent with customers' bills.
- Contacted local correctional facilities re: MOU to distribute medicines or vaccines in PH emergencies.

#### **Director**

- Attended Stabilization & Treatment In Place (STIP) (mobile hospital) training in preparedness for local or region hospital surge.

#### **Halifax Regional Hospital Planner**

- Organized and conducted training for 38 people from VDH, Southside MRC, the Central Region Hospitals and local EMS on the STIP (Stabilization and Treatment In Place). The STIP is a mobile medical unit capable of surge, triage, and/or isolation. It can augment an established medical facility or can stand-alone depending on the need and it is capable of treating 300 patients for 72 hours. The training is necessary to support familiarization with the asset and to promote a rapid local response to an event. The STIP is scheduled to deploy at the Lake Festival with about 200,000+ attend.

#### **• Thomas Jefferson**

- Pandemic Flu Coordinator manned PanFlu display table at five health/community fairs.
- PanFlu Coordinator created a myspace.com page to disseminate PanFlu information in a new and more interesting way that will interest teenagers and young adults.
- Held a PanFlu informational meeting for private schools where Health Director provided PanFlu overview training.
- PanFlu newsletter developed and distributed to partners providing overview and update on planning initiatives.
- PanFlu public education/communication group met.
- Health educator coordinated the translation of a PanFlu brochure into Spanish.
- Health educator met with ESOL adult leaders to discuss a possible partnership.
- PanFlu article co-written by health educator and health department staff for Nelson County Times.
- Health educator interviewed and brought on board an intern to help with data analysis of projects.
- Public infrastructure work group met and planner demonstrated Heater Meals.
- Planner provided PanFlu updates to Greene county emergency services council.
- Planner and epidemiologist presented PanFlu overview and preparedness information to Nelson County Interagency Council.

#### **• Three Rivers**

- Planner distributed pandemic flu planning literature at First Liberty Baptist Church Community Expo.
- Planner conducted lessons learned meeting from last month's Pandemic Flu Continuity Planning Seminar in Montross. Data from completed evaluation forms was tabulated, observations from those participating in planning, facilitating, and speaking were compiled, and a report summarizing the findings was created for future reference.
- Planner conducted Introduction to Pandemic Flu training course to Medical Reserve Corps volunteers in Warsaw.
- Planner met with King and Queen County Emergency Coordinator to discuss pandemic flu continuity planning.



- Planner met with manager of WalMart in Kilmarnock, scheduled to open in October, to discuss pandemic flu continuity planning and future collaboration on dispensing exercises and other public health initiatives.
- Planner gave pandemic flu business continuity presentation to Westmoreland County Department of Social Services staff and presented Pandemic Flu Continuity Planning template to Director.
- Planner met with Westmoreland County Emergency Manager to discuss pandemic flu continuity planning and other possible collaboration.
- Planner conducted Introduction to Pandemic Flu training course to Gloucester County Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Team volunteers.
- **Virginia Beach**
  - Held the last Pandemic Planning Committee meeting and discussed recommendations for the Management Leadership Team (MLT) Report; also reviewed city and District's plans. Committee decided on an official process for reporting illnesses during a pandemic for both city and school personnel; recommendation will be included in the MLT report. Committee asked that a draft HR policy, which will be formally submitted to the MLT for acceptance or rejection, be put together from those that were reviewed and submitted to HR for review.
  - To date, Planner has received 28 department-level plans out of 32 departments and is currently reviewing them. The Deputy City Manager has asked that, once they are accepted by District Director, they be posted on WebEOC. Planner will be meeting with those departments that have not turned in a plan.
  - We continue cycling our PanFlu information board around to all the libraries and giving out the hand-washing posters.
- **West Piedmont**
  - Planner attended the Franklin County PanFlu Planning Group meeting, held at the Franklin County Health Department. The group discussed facilities for healthy responders and medical staff to stay at during a pandemic so as to isolate them and help them stay healthier longer. Social Services explained some of their duties to attendees so that there would be a better committee understanding of their limitations.
  - Planner attended the RJR Patrick County Hospital Safety meeting, held at the hospital. PanFlu and Disaster plans were discussed. The hospital is addressing issues such as off-site triage and patient positioning so as to help accommodate surge.
  - Planner attended the Franklin County Schools Crisis Management Planning meeting, held at Franklin County Public Safety. Pandemic preparations were discussed as a possible annex to the school Crisis Management Plan.
  - Planner and Nursing Supervisor made a presentation to Applied Felts manufacturing. PanFlu and Bloodborne Pathogens were discussed. The presentations were made separately but were tied together through proper hygiene information. Employees were given PanFlu booklets and hygiene pamphlets, disaster supply kit check sheets, cold/flu z-cards and a bloodborne pathogens two-page handout.
  - Epidemiologist attended the Henry-Martinsville PanFlu Planning Group meeting. Topics discussed include: update on H5N1 influenza, availability of volunteers during a pandemic, Department of Social Services' role in sheltering, finding ways to further encourage individual and family preparedness, and local financial resources in case of a pandemic.
- **Western Tidewater**
  - Planner, Epidemiologist and MRC Coordinator attended the monthly Franklin/Southampton PanFlu Committee meeting. The committee welcomed new

- members from Southampton County Schools, including the superintendent and assistant superintendent; they reported that their PanFlu plan has been completed. The sub-committees submitted reports to the main group of their goals and how to achieve and implement them. Timelines were also discussed. The next meeting will be on June 6, 2007, at noon at Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin.
- Planner and Epidemiologist attended the monthly Suffolk Biological/Terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) met at Sentara Obici Hospital in Suffolk. PanFlu was discussed as an educational topic for all city employees and private businesses. The Planner and Epidemiologist have agreed to do a joint PanFlu presentation and COOP presentation for the WT CSB on June 20.
  - Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Isle of Wight Public Schools Health Advisory Committee meeting. The Epidemiologist gave a PanFlu presentation to the group. The Planner followed up with planning and preparedness issues for a pandemic.
  - The Isle of Wight (IOW) County PanFlu Committee meeting was held at the IOW school board office. The committee continued work on outlining a PanFlu plan for IOW with appendixes for schools, police, fire/EMS, etc.
  - Epidemiologist attended the Suffolk West Side Civic Leagues meeting. The topics discussed were PanFlu planning and preparation.